

LEGAL SERVICES BUDGET PRESENTATION

Legal Services Division

Appellate services Bureau-Mark Matioli

Represents state in all criminal appeals and handles all habeas corpus and post conviction proceedings.

Civil Services Bureau-Chris Tweeten

Defends state in all constitutional challenges and other state civil matters. Provides legal assistance on Indian jurisdiction, federal reserved water rights, election law, anti-trust, etc., e.g. school funding.

County Prosecutor Services Bureau-Barb Harris

Provide special prosecution assistance to counties in major felony cases or where conflicts of interest arise. Also provides services to drug task forces and training to city and county attorneys, and law enforcement.

Office of Victim Services Bureau/Consumer Protection-Matt Dale

Responds to the needs of crime victims in Montana. Administers Crime Victim Compensation Program, Forensic Rape Examination Program and other victim services.

Enforces Montana's Consumer Protection Laws and regulations regarding unfair and deceptive business practices. They also provide educational and other services to consumers who are at risk.

Agency Legal Services Bureau-Jim Scheier

Provides legal, hearing examiner, and investigative services to state agencies on a contract basis. It's a proprietary program that is funded by billing its clients for their services on the cases they handle for the agencies.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1 – Appellate Services – To represent the State of Montana in cases before local, state and federal courts, including all criminal appeals and post-conviction cases in state and federal courts.

Objective- Have adequate resources in place to insure that all criminal appeals and post-conviction cases are appropriately responded to in a timely manner.

Goal 2 – Civil Services Bureau – To represent the State of Montana in cases involving constitutional challenges to state law and other major litigation against the state.

Objective- Manage all cases using in-house and outside counsel, as appropriate, to effectively protect and defend the interests of the state through successful defense of laws, mitigation of losses and/or recovery of damages.

Goal 3 – Prosecution Services Bureau – To provide trial assistance to county attorneys in complex cases and in cases in which the county attorney has a conflict of interest, such as official misconduct.

Objective- To provide high quality experienced prosecutorial services to counties for complex cases so that fair and technically correct convictions of criminals result.

Goal 4 – Victim Services – To verify and process claims from innocent victims of crime as quickly as possible.

Objective- To fully pay all verified claims up to \$25,000 within 30 days.

Past Activities of Legal Services Division (see attachment)

Decision Packages

DP 103 Vehicle lease for Child Protection Unit

DP 105 Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program

DP 107 Additional Federal Grant Money for Victims of Crime

NP 08101 7% vacancy savings

Elected Official Decision Packages

Lawyer Salaries

Investigator Salaries